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TENNESSEE FIRST RESPONDERS TO REPRESENT STATE AT NY CEREMONY

Event set for Sunday, September 10, 2006 in New York

Nashville – Governor Phil Bredesen and Director David Mitchell, Office of Homeland Security, today announced two First Responders to represent Tennessee at a September 11th fifth anniversary commemorative ceremony in New York.

New York Governor George Pataki is hosting the event to honor the heroes of September 11, as well as the heroes who everyday heed the call to help their fellow citizens. Pataki invited Bredesen to designate two first responders to represent Tennessee at the event.

Billy H. Vinson, training coordinator at the Murfreesboro Fire Department, and Lt. Doug Stiles, Knoxville Police Department, were named by Bredesen and Mitchell as the first responders from Tennessee to attend the ceremony.

“These professionals are excellent representatives for first responder and law enforcement communities of the State of Tennessee,” said Director Mitchell. “They will represent all the first responders we are privileged to have in Tennessee who willingly put their lives on the line every day for the security of our citizens.”

Vinson and Stiles are attending the ceremony Sunday, September 10, at the World Trade Center 7 in Lower Manhattan. They will join NY police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and representatives from every corner of New York and more than 30 states from around the nation.

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For more information about the ceremony, visit <http://www.ny.gov/governor/press/06/0906062.html>

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